

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("-----") or brackets ("[[]])", as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said method comprising:

creating at the designer location a print job to be printed at the print service provider location;

establishing a closed-loop communication link between the designer location and the print service provider location;

creating a press ready file at the designer location using the designer location obtaining updated device configuration information received from the print service provider location via said closed-loop communication link;

creating a job ticket at the designer location that specifies production devices of the print service provider to be used to process said print job and processing instructions for the print service provider location;

creating a press ready file at the designer location that encompasses both said print job and said job ticket;

submitting said press ready file to the print service provider location via said closed-loop communication link; and

~~performing at least one of automated printing, finishing, packaging and shipping using said press ready file processing said print job at the print service provider location; and~~

transmitting over said closed-loop communication link continuously updated status information to the designer location so as to keep the designer location apprised of a production status of said print job at the print service provider location, said status information including an indication of tasks that have already been performed in relation to the print job and a current task being performed in relation to the print job.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment according to claim 2 1, said production status being updated at a plurality of stages of the workflow.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment according to claim 1, wherein a further comprising automatically updating said job ticket for of said press ready file is automatically updated upon completion of tasks each task in the workflow via said closed-loop communication link.

8. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment according to claim 7, further ~~comprises~~ comprising performing automated job closing based upon information in said updated job ticket upon completion of production of said ~~press ready file print job~~.

9. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment according to claim 1, ~~wherein establishing a closed-loop communication link further comprises further comprising~~ allowing a user at the designer location to, via the closed-loop communication link, select said the print service provider location from among a plurality of print service provider locations and corresponding information on production capabilities.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium that stores a program product for managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said product comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to perform the following method steps:

creating at the designer location a print job to be printed by the print service provider location;

establishing a closed-loop communication link between the designer location and the print service provider location;

creating a press ready file at the designer location using the designer location
obtaining updated device configuration information received from the print service
provider location via said closed-loop communication link;

creating a job ticket at the designer location that specifies production devices of
the print service provider to be used to process said print job and processing
instructions for the print service provider location;

creating a press ready file at the designer location that encompasses both said
print job and said job ticket;

submitting said press ready file to the print service provider location via said
closed-loop communication link; and

performing at least one of automated printing, finishing, packaging and shipping
using said press ready file processing said print job at the print service provider
location; and

transmitting over said closed-loop communication link continuously updated
status information from the print service provider location to the designer location so as
to keep the designer location apprised of a production status of the processing being
performed at the print service provider location, said status information including an
indication of tasks that have already been performed in relation to the print job and a
current task being performed in relation to the print job.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 42 11, said production status being updated at a plurality of stages of the workflow.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 11, ~~wherein a further comprising automatically updating said job ticket for of~~ said press ready file ~~is automatically updated~~ upon completion of ~~tasks each task~~ in the workflow via said closed-loop communication link.

18. (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 17, ~~further comprises a comprising~~ performing automated job closing based upon information in said updated job ticket upon completion of production of said press ready file print job.

19. (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 11, ~~wherein establishing a closed-loop communication link further comprises further comprising~~ allowing a user at the designer location to select said the print service provider location from among a plurality of print service provider locations and corresponding information on production capabilities.

20-21. (Canceled)